

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 699

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Babe Ruth District 8 All-Star baseball team of Lawrenceburg on winning the 2013 District 8 and East Tennessee Babe Ruth League Championship and for their 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in that league's Southeast Region Championships.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful youthful athletes who, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable group of Tennessee adolescents is the Babe Ruth District 8 baseball team that experienced an incredibly exciting and prosperous season on the diamond; and

WHEREAS, the team secured the Lawrenceburg District 8 championship, and they proceeded in post-season play to capture the East Tennessee State Championship; and

WHEREAS, that state-level championship win brought to this talented group of young athletes an invitation to vie in the Babe Ruth Southeast Regional Championship tournament; and

WHEREAS, the team's tournament play in North Carolina was admirable, and their efforts were extraordinary; for their valiant exhibition, the group earned a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish, and

WHEREAS, the young Tennesseans who make up this outstanding team are: Jordan Burdette, Bryce Clift, Logan Cole, Zach Coleman, Colby Deuchele, Jackson Ferguson, James Gray, Brody Howard, Kirk Kemp, Chance Kennedy, Austin Odom, Lucas Ray, Chase Turnbow, and Brock Vaughn; and

WHEREAS, the talents and abilities of these outstanding athletes have been nurtured, strengthened, refined, and now relished by their manager Keith Vaughn and coach Kip Ferguson; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character, both individually and collectively, throughout the 2013 season and especially during the post-season championship play, these players and coaches conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, this Babe Ruth District 8 team displayed uncommon talent, determination, and perseverance in their quest for athletic excellence and championship laurels, and it is wholly fitting they should now be commended for their notable successes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate and honor the Babe Ruth District 8 All-Star baseball team of Lawrenceburg on winning the 2013 District 8 and East Tennessee Babe Ruth League Championship and for their 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in that league's Southeast Region Championships. We applaud their success and extend our best wishes to each one for continued success in their future endeavors as athletes, scholars, and citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.